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CLAIMS (Amended)

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1. Apparatus for storing and transporting piece goods, in particular articles whose dimensions in at least one or in two mutually perpendicular directions are markedly larger than in the remaining third direction in space, wherein the articles are received in substantially U-shaped pockets which are formed from a flexible web material and which are arranged in a support stand or  
10 frame, characterised in that the U-shaped pockets are formed by two respective separate substantially parallel-extending material webs comprising the flexible material, wherein at least one respective connecting web of the flexible web material extends between the two material webs and is preferably connected substantially over the entire length thereof to the two adjacent material webs and in that the parallel material webs are substantially rectangular and are suspended in a frame at  
15 least at their two upper corners and in that the parallel material webs are substantially rectangular and are suspended in a frame at least at their two upper corners and at their lower corner which is towards the opening side of the apparatus.

20 2. Apparatus according to claim 1 characterised in that the connecting web is so mounted to the two parallel material webs that the configuration thereof in cross-section is substantially S-shaped.

25 3. Apparatus according to claim 1 characterised in that the connecting web is so mounted to the parallel material webs that the configuration thereof in cross-section is substantially U-shaped.

30 4. Apparatus according to claim 2 or claim 3 characterised in that the connecting web extends in a substantially vertical direction between the two material webs which are also oriented vertically.

5. Apparatus according to claim 2 or claim 3 characterised in that the connecting web extends substantially horizontally or inclinedly relative to the horizontal while the material webs which are connected by the connecting web are oriented substantially vertically.

35 6. Apparatus according to one of claims 1 to 5 characterised in that the connecting web is sewn, glued or welded to the parallel material webs.

7. Apparatus according to one of claims 1 to 6 characterised in that the width of the connecting web between the fixing regions thereof is greater than the maximum dimensions of the

articles to be accommodated, in the direction of their shortest dimensions or in the above-mentioned third direction in space.

8. Apparatus according to claim 1 characterised in that the material webs are suspended at all four corners and additionally in the central region of their upper edge in a frame.

9. Apparatus according to one of claims 1 to 8 wherein the material webs are suspended in a frame characterised in that the frame is open laterally or from above in the plane perpendicular to the plane of the material webs.

10. Apparatus according to one of claims 1 to 9 characterised in that the material webs are suspended on bars by way of eyes displaceably transversely with respect to the plane of the material web.

11. Apparatus according to claim 10 characterised in that the bars are hung in a collapsible frame.

12. Apparatus according to one of claims 1 to 11 characterised in that spacers are provided between adjacent material webs.

13. Apparatus according to one of claims 1 to 12 characterised in that the frame is collapsible.

14. Apparatus according to one of claims 1 to 13 characterised in that the material webs are provided in mutually interconnected relationship only in respective pairs by connecting webs.

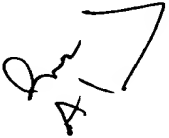
15. Apparatus according to one of claims 1 to 14 characterised in that more than two material webs are respectively connected together by connecting webs respectively arranged between each two adjacent material webs.

16. Apparatus according to one of claims 1 to 15 characterised in that the connecting web has a substantially flat insert comprising a material which is less flexible in comparison with the material of the connecting web and the material webs.

17. Apparatus according to one of claims 1 to 16 characterised in that the open sides of the substantially U-shaped pockets are closable by a curtain or one or more further material webs extending perpendicularly to the separate material webs.

18. Apparatus according to one of claims 1 to 17 characterised in that a cushion material, for example a cushioning plate, is arranged between adjacent material webs (2) which are not connected by a connecting web (5, 15).

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